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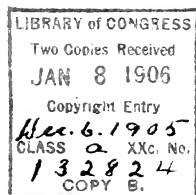
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## INTRODUCTION

This History is written in forty-one stanzas, one for each week of the school year. It is preferable to have children learn it in a shorter period. Then a weekly recitation, said or sung in unison, will fix indelibly in young memories a systematic sketch of American History.

Important dates have, so far as possible, been introduced so that the rhymes may suggest them. Memorable words of our great men have also been embodied, because they imprint moral lessons at an age when the mind is "wax to receive and marble to retain."

Experienced teachers are aware that memory drill should be begun young and that promptness and accuracy can never be attained without careful and early culture of that faculty. If the child is old enough to understand, it becomes interested in history, and this is important to its progress; but, in any case, rhymes improve the verbal memory and thus have essential value as memory exercises.

FELIX FABER.

Dear children, learn these little verses ;  
Our History each one rehearses.  
“Love thou thy land with love far  
brought,”  
Heed well this truth the poet taught.  
And love the Scribe who seeks your  
pleasure  
And shows a zeal that knows no measure.

“I care not who make the laws of the country if  
I may make its ballads.”

—*Andrew Fletcher.*

# I

## THE NEW WORLD

1492 In fourteen hundred and ninety-two  
Columbus crossed the ocean blue,  
One hundred and twenty brave sailors  
had he

Friday, When from Palos, in Spain, he set out  
August 3. o'er the sea

Which no man before had dared to ex-  
plore,

Friday, And reached the far island of San Sal-  
October 12. vador.

He planted the Cross; and their banners  
unfurled,

"To Castille and Leon he gave a New  
World."\*

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\*"Por Castilla y por Leon, Nuevo Mundo halló  
Colon," is the legend on the coat of arms granted  
by Ferdinand and Isabella to Columbus when he  
was made a noble, or grandee of Spain.

## II

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

March 15.  
1493    When with Indians and gold his vessels  
         returned.\*

All Europe with zeal for discovery burned.  
Amerigo sailed, and from charts which  
he framed,

The Continent found was America named.  
Isabel pledged her jewels, the Pinzons  
befriend,

But Columbus first stood this egg on its  
end.

Then Cuba and Hayti he conquered for  
Spain;

His shameful reward was a dungeon and  
chain.

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\*The fleet consisted of three small vessels. The *Santa Maria*, the largest, (100 tons), was commanded by Columbus himself; the *Niña*, by Martín Alonzo Pinzon, and the *Pinta* by Vicente Pinzon. Columbus was required to pay one-eighth of the expense and the Pinzon brothers, wealthy merchants of Palos, lent him this sum and then volunteered to accompany him.



### III

#### NORTH AMERICA

1497 North America was to Europe unknown,  
(Unless the old Vikings were hitherward  
blown),  
'Till Sebastian, the son, with old John  
Cabot,  
To Newfoundland sailed, and it fell to  
their lot  
The banner of England, our forefathers'  
boast,  
To fling to the breeze as they followed the  
coast  
From the bays, and mountains, and islands  
of Maine  
To Georgia; and then back to England  
again.

## IV

### MEXICO

1519 Cortez crossed the Gulf to the Mexican  
coast;  
Six hundred tried soldiers were all of his  
host.  
He burned his own ships, though his sol-  
diers entreat.  
They must conquer, or die, who cannot  
retreat.  
The Aztecs were brave, but believing that  
then,  
Their gods had come down in the like-  
ness of men,  
And awed by first sight of a horse, or a  
gun,  
They flocked to his camp. Thus was  
Mexico won.

## V

### THE MONTEZUMAS

1520 Montezuma received him as Prince of the  
Sun,  
And tribute was rendered, and homage  
was done.  
He gave Cortez a palace, and ingots of  
gold  
And filled up his helmet with jewels un-  
told.  
Montezuma he slew. Then the Mexicans  
rise  
Under great Guatemozin, who torture  
defies.  
His nobles outcry, he deigns only reply,  
"On a soft bed of roses, think you, that  
I lie?"

## VI

### THE PACIFIC OCEAN

- 1513 Nunez de Balboa to Panama steered,  
And crossing the Isthmus, an ocean ap-  
peared,  
Pacific, or South Sea, its waters they  
name,  
To shore and to sea, did the Spaniards lay  
claim.  
They heard of Peru and its Inca, or King,  
Such tales of his wealth did the buccaneers  
bring,  
1535 Pizarro set forth; and the Inca, in dread,  
Piled gold for his ransom as high as his  
head.

## VII

### CANADA

1535 Captain Jacques Cartier was sent out from  
France,  
His ships up the river St. Lawrence  
advance  
To Montreal's site. There they built  
their first fort  
Where Canada Indians for trade could  
resort.  
Acadia, too, the French flag had unfurled.  
They fondly believed they had circled the  
world.  
Where the Jesuits dwelt they called it  
La Chine,  
And dreamed not there rolled a broad  
ocean between.

## VIII

### THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

1512 Then Ponce de Leon arrived with his band  
In Florida fair, or "The Flowery Land."  
The fountain of youth he was seeking in  
vain,  
His followers perished on lagoon or plain.  
De Soto determined, the search to renew,  
The broad Mississippi rewarded his view,  
By the Father of Waters this bold soldier  
died;  
His body was sunk 'neath its onflowing  
tide.

## IX

### VIRGINIA

1585 Sir Walter Raleigh sailed to Pamlico  
Sound

A new English empire hoping to found,  
But sickness and savages killed off his  
men.

The remnant, with Drake, went to Eng-  
land again.

Through losses and crosses, and troubles  
full sore

Undaunted the English returned to our  
shore.

1607 At Jamestown, Virginia, making a stand  
The first English colony grew in our land.

## X

### CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH

Their leader, John Smith, was a man  
without fear,  
But provisions were scarce, and the In-  
dians were near.  
By the king of the tribes, who was named  
Powhatan,  
Captain John Smith was captured—un-  
happy man,  
Two comrades were killed, and the war-  
club was raised  
To dash out his brains, when the Chief  
stood amazed.  
Pocahontas rushed in, and asked for his  
life.  
Virginians and Indians were no more at  
strife.



## XI

### NEW YORK

- 1609 Hudson sailed forth in his ship the HALF  
MOON,  
For India, or China; but came very soon  
To a beautiful bay. His vessel he moored,  
And up the North River he boldly explored.
- 1614 Dutch merchants, who came with the In-  
dians to trade,  
On Manhattan Island a settlement made.  
At the town of New Amsterdam, slowly  
they work,  
'Till Englishmen seized it and named it  
New York.

## XII

### THE PILGRIM FATHERS

1620 That men might be equal, and conscience  
be free,  
The stern Pilgrim Fathers crossed over  
the sea.  
When their home ties were rent, to Hol-  
land they went;  
But in sixteen twenty, their course they  
bent,  
In the MAYFLOWER, over to Plymouth  
Rock.  
Thus came to our country the Puritan  
stock.  
Forefathers' Day their descendants re-  
member  
On the twenty-second of each December.

### XIII

#### NEW ENGLAND

- 1623 In the year sixteen hundred and twenty-three  
John Mason and Gorges to New Hampshire flee.
- 1633 From sixteen thirty-three Connecticut grew;  
Windsor and Wethersfield, old Hartford too.
- 1636 Roger Williams banished, sixteen thirty-six,  
His home in Rhode Island did finally fix.  
With Boston, Massachusetts, leading the van  
The New England States their existence began.

## XIV

### KING PHILIP'S WAR

Miles Standish was dead, weak was each  
    little state,  
'Gainst Yankees\* the Indians nursed ven-  
    geance and hate.  
The Colonists drove them from their  
    hunting-ground,  
1637 And wild Pequots massacred all whom  
    they found.  
King Philip, the Slayer of White Men,  
    arose  
1675 And called on his warriors to root out  
    their foes.  
Then war was begun, and it never did  
    cease  
Till Philip was shot, and the settlers had  
    peace.

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\*The word Yankee is the Indian corruption of  
the French, l'Anglais: the English.

## XV

### DELAWARE

- 1638 Gustavus Adolphus, among his great  
deeds,  
A colony formed of industrious Swedes,  
Who to Delaware sailed to found there  
a rest  
For all who, in Europe, were weak or op-  
pressed.  
New Jersey they covered. The Dutch  
made a stand.
- 1623 The South and the North Rivers\* bound-  
ed the land  
By Hudson first seen, and this they de-  
fended
- 1664 Till England seized all for which they  
contended.

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\*The Hudson is called the North River, the Delaware the South River, on the Dutch maps of early date.

## XVI

### MARYLAND

1634 In the year sixteen hundred and thirty-  
four  
Into Maryland came three hundred, or  
more,  
With Calvert, Lord Baltimore, who was  
inclined  
His Catholic brethren a refuge to find.  
Toleration to all he was first to extend,  
And many a settler whom Europe did  
send  
Found quiet along the Potomac at last,  
While the Old World in strife and dis-  
cord was cast.

## XVII

### CAROLINA\*

- 1584 Carolina's first English settlement failed  
When Raleigh to seek El Dorado had  
sailed.
- 1663 Sixteen sixty-three, it was granted anew  
To Albemarle, Carteret, and Clarendon,  
too,
- 1680 Where Ashley, and Cooper, and ocean  
unite,  
There Charleston was built on a beautiful site.  
Its people their life-blood from noble  
strains drew,  
The staunch Huguenot, and the Cavalier  
true.

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\*The province was divided into North and South Carolina in 1729.

## XVIII

### PENNSYLVANIA

As King Charles the Second owed William  
Penn  
Huge sums of money, he prayed the King  
then  
1682 In the Western world a broad province to  
give  
Where Quakers (or Friends) unmolested  
might live,  
Where Kensington elm casts its wide-  
spreading shade  
With Indians a treaty Penn loyally made.  
The City of Brotherly Love soon uprose,  
Within and without all were friends with  
no foes.



## XIX

### GEORGIA

1733 To Georgia came over, seventeen thirty-  
three,  
James Oglethorpe, hoping the wretched  
to free,  
The Wesleys lent aid, and the project was  
done.  
The Thirteen Colonies thus were begun.  
The seed of a NATION was now in its  
soil,  
It was watered with tears, it was planted  
with toil.  
They sowed it in strife, and we reap it in  
peace;  
May the God of our Forefathers give it  
increase.



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## XX

### THE COLONIES

The spirit of freedom pervaded the land,  
The Colonists leagued in a brotherly band.  
They were swift to draw sword, they  
    brook not the rod—

“Resistance to tyrants, is obedience to  
    God.”

1686 In vain would the rulers their Charters  
    revoke,

Safe hid in the trunk of the old Charter  
    Oak.

1690-97 For the camp and the field, was trained  
    every man,

1702-14 By the wars of King William, and of  
    Queen Anne.

## XXI

### FRENCH AND INDIAN WARS

The English attempted to take Fort Du  
Quesne,\*  
1765 Surprised by the savages, Braddock was  
slain.  
Young Washington, having assumed the  
command,  
Through the wilderness brought what was  
left of the band.  
Sept. 13, The heights of Quebec by the British  
1759 were scaled,  
Brave Montcalm defended, yet Wolfe  
never quailed,  
Both died on the field, ere the Frenchman  
would yield;  
Wolfe cried, "I die happy," borne off on  
his shield.

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\*Now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## XXII

### THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

- The British for war debts must taxes  
impose,  
1763 They passed the Stamp Act, and America  
rose.  
Without representation we would not be  
taxed,  
And hotter and hotter, our just quarrel  
waxed.  
1773 In the harbor of Boston, seventeen seven-  
ty-three,  
A cargo of tea was cast into the sea.  
1799 Pinckney taught Europe, "We've millions  
for defence,  
Not one cent for tribute," can e'er be  
drawn hence.

## XXIII

### LEXINGTON

1775 At Lexington first there was shedding of  
blood,

Where, April the nineteenth, the patriots  
stood.

"Ye rebels, disperse!" was the insolent  
cry.

With volleys they answered, "We know  
how to die."

June 28,  
1775 In the harbor of Charleston, anchored a  
fleet;

Unawed were the Rebels though shots  
sweep the street.

And their troops we defied, on Bunker  
Hill side,

June 18,  
1775 Where brave General Warren so gallantly  
died.



## XXIV

### THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

To Philadelphia a congress of statesmen  
repaired,

And our Independence was boldly de-  
clared.

Their names to the parchment the Signers  
affix

July 4,  
1776 The Fourth of July, seventeen seventy-  
six.

Behold a great Nation was born on that  
day!

A leader as great came its councils to  
sway.

First in War, first in Peace, stood Wash-  
ington then,

He stands first in the hearts of his  
countrymen.

## XXV

### VALLEY FORGE AND SARATOGA

The tug-of-war came, such as tries all  
men's souls  
While defeat, disaster, or gloom o'er them  
rolls.

1780 There were Arnold, the traitor, and friends  
with cold heart,  
While hunger and cold took the enemy's  
part.

But our Leader was staunch, dawn fol-  
lows the night,

Dec. 25,  
1776 To Trenton he crossed. Saratoga's great  
fight,

October 17,  
1777 Which Schuyler had planned, brought  
Burgoyne's defeat.

1780 And there sailed to our aid Rochambeau's  
French fleet.

## XXVI

### TARLETON AND CORNWALLIS

In vain in the South, "Tarleton's Quar-  
ter"\* was given  
To men who with Sumter and Marion had  
striven.  
Though defeated to-day, to-morrow they  
rose,  
At Eutaw they conquered their well-  
equipped foes.  
Then Lafayette and Green, on both flanks  
were seen,  
From Guilford to Yorktown the conflicts  
were keen.  
Nineteenth of October, seventeen eighty-  
one,  
Cornwallis surrendered, and freedom was  
won.

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\*A Continental regiment, commanded by Colonel Buford, was surprised and surrounded at Waxhaw. The British commander having offered humiliating terms, Buford refused to surrender, and Colonel Tarleton massacred them. Thence "a bullet through the heart, or Tarleton's Quarter," became a synonym for cruelty.

## XXVII

### THE CONSTITUTION

September the third, seventeen eighty-three,

Jay, Franklin, and Adams with England, agree

Sept. 3, On a treaty of peace which in Paris was  
1783 signed.

Dec. 4, George Washington then his commission  
1784 resigned.

1789 Mount Vernon he leaves to be first President

Of the United States, when voters assent  
To the Constitution, the law of the land,  
The Union, the Fathers sagaciously planned.

## XXVIII

### THE UNITED STATES

1803 Population poured in, and wandered afar,  
Till State after State in our flag set its  
star.

The year eighteen three, we from Bona-  
parte bought

Louisiana's tract, which new settlers  
sought

Its forests to clear, and to dig and to  
delve.

War with England broke out, eighteen  
hundred and twelve.

Their GUERRIÈRE frigate, OLD  
IRONSIDES took,

The JAVA she sank. Then with wrath  
England shook.

## XXIX

### OUR NAVY

Learn Lawrence's lesson,\* "Don't give up  
the ship!"

June 13,  
1813 It passed with his soul, from a true hero's  
lip.

Sept. 13,  
1813 Brave Perry despatched, after fighting  
two hours,

"We have met the enemy, and they are  
ours ;

Two ships, two brigs, one schooner, one  
sloop,"

And Lake Erie was cleared at a single  
swoop.

That flag which our sailors and soldiers  
unfurled

Was counted among the Great Powers  
of the World.

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\*Captain James Lawrence was killed on the  
*Chesapeake* during the fight with H. M. ship  
*Shannon*, June 13, 1813.

## XXX

### PEACE AND PROSPERITY

- Jan. 8, 1815 The battle of New Orleans was fought  
and won,
- Peace of Ghent,  
Dec. 24, 1814 After peace had been signed and progress  
begun.
- 1807 In eighteen seven, the first steamboat  
was made;
- 1830 In eighteen thirty, the first railway was  
laid.
- 1844 The first telegraph, in eighteen forty-  
four,  
Stretched from Washington over to Bal-  
timore.  
In arts and inventions the people expand,  
And railways and telegraphs netted the  
land.

## XXXI

### SONS OF ANAK

But greater than wealth, or than any  
event,  
Is, "I'd rather be right, than be Pres-  
ident,"  
A noble thought uttered by Henry Clay,  
When those great triumvirs our politics  
sway;  
By Calhoun and Webster, the people were  
taught,  
The national fabric like giants they  
wrought.  
When with stormy questions the nation  
was vexed,  
In eighteen forty-six, was Texas annexed.



## XXXII

### THE MEXICAN WAR

- March 11,  
1846 The quickest result was the Mexican  
War,  
And volunteers gathered from near and  
from far.
- May,  
1846 Rio Grande they crossed. General Tay-  
lor pursued,
- Feb. 23,  
1847 And, at Buena Vista, Santa Anna sub-  
dued.
- March 27,  
1847 Vera Cruz was taken by General Scott—  
Churubusco, Contreras. Battles were  
hot,
- Sept. 13,  
Sept. 14,  
1847 Our soldiers assaulted Chapultepec's rock,  
The City of Mexico fell with that shock.

### XXXIII

#### THE GREAT WEST

Treaty of  
Peace,  
Feb. 3,  
1848

Through treaty or purchase vast tracts  
were acquired,  
Our "Manifest Destiny," men were in-  
spired;  
The "Home of the brave and the land of  
the free,"  
Must cover the Continent from sea to sea.  
1848 Just then, California yielded its gold;  
The Great West filled swiftly with set-  
tlers untold.  
When came the debate, on admitting each  
State,  
Rose hot burning discord, which ended  
in hate.

## XXXIV

### THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

Eleven Southern States on secession resolved,

The Union compact was by ordinance dissolved.

A convention was held, and the South's delegates

A government form called Confederate States,

State-Rights they upheld, and that "Cotton is King;"

Recognition they ask, the gauntlet they fling.

April 12,  
1861 The twelfth day of April, eighteen sixty-one,

Fort Sumter was taken, and war was begun.

## XXXV

### MANASSAS TO VICKSBURG

- July 18    At Manassas and Bull Run the South won  
    to  
July 21,    the day.  
1861
- The North knit its strength for a desperate  
    fray;  
    Half a million of men respond to the call,  
June 25    Then upward and downward rolled vic-  
    to  
July 7,    tory's ball.  
1862
- Near Richmond, at Shiloh, the Southern-  
    ers beat,  
April 28,    New Orleans was captured by Farragut's  
1862    fleet,
- July 4,    And Vicksburg succumbed. Then "The  
1863    Mississippi,"  
    As Lincoln proclaimed, "ran unvexed to  
    the sea."

## XXXVI

### THE FIRST IRONCLADS

- May 9,  
1862 The nations looked on at the huge MON-  
ITOR,  
They had learned a new lesson in mari-  
time war
- October 11,  
1861 When the little MANASSAS rammed  
with her prow.  
And the sheathed MERRIMAC. Crushed  
down by her bow
- March 8,  
1862 The CUMBERLAND sinks, and the  
CONGRESS she whips:  
No more wooden frigates, but ironclad  
ships.
- June 4,  
1864 KEARSARGE, tracking cruisers, fights,  
for renown,  
The famed ALABAMA and soon sends  
her down.

## XXXVII

### GETTYSBURG TO APPOMATTOX

- July 1-3,  
1863    The balance of fate hung on Gettysburg  
         field,  
         Lee slowly turned Southward reluctant  
         to yield.  
         To cope with Grant's host he vainly en-  
         deavored,  
         The March to the Sea the Southland had  
         severed.
- April 9,  
1865    The ninth day of April, eighteen sixty-  
         five,  
         Before Appomattox the armies arrive.  
         Lee's sword was surrendered, the war at  
         an end.  
         The soldiers disbanded, and homeward  
         they bend.

## XXXVIII

### LINCOLN, GARFIELD

While with triumph and joy his country  
was filled,  
April 14, 1865 They were changed into mourning—Lin-  
coln was killed!  
Shot by an assassin, who stilled the kind  
heart;  
Would have saved North and South  
the shame and the smart  
Of years of misgovernment, folly and  
wrong.  
With trouble still seething, 'twas not very  
long  
When again it was called to grieve for its  
head—  
By a villain laid low, poor Garfield was  
dead.

## XXXIX

### EXPANSION

1867 No land in America Russians now hold,  
In eighteen sixty-seven Alaska they sold.  
The month of October, eighteen seventy-  
one,

Fire raged in Chicago three days ere 'twas  
done.

In science applied, how this period has  
shone,

Atlantic Cable, 1866 The phonograph speaks, and the long  
telephone.

With steamers upon it, and cables below,  
Across the Atlantic the human tides flow.



## XL

### THE SPANISH WAR

- 1898 While Cubans for freedom were struggling with Spain,
- Feb. 15. At Havana was blown up our battleship  
MAINE.
- May 1. At Manila, on May Day, Dewey captured their fleet.
- San Juan,  
July 1. San Juan Hill's fierce battle, and Hobson's brave feat,
- Santiago,  
July 3. And the wrecks of Cervera's great ships  
on the coast,  
Shewed the nations what soldiers and sailors we boast.  
Philippines, Porto Rico, and far Hawaii,  
Are under our banner; and Cuba is free.

## XLI

### OUR COUNTRY

And now the New World is the hope of  
the Old.

We'll not barter our birthright for power,  
or gold.

Let this wireless message reach nations  
afar:

We love good, hate evil, injustice, and  
war;

Politicians may wrangle, true soldiers feel  
Respect for foemen who were worthy  
their steel.

And "with firmness for right, as God gives  
us sight,"\*

Our Country we'll lift to the uppermost  
height.

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\*Taken from Lincoln's last inaugural.

## AMERICAN DATES

- 1492 America discovered by Christopher Columbus.
- 1497 North America discovered by John and Sebastian Cabot.
- 1498 Columbus discovered the Continent.
- 1506 Columbus died.

## THIRTEEN ORIGINAL COLONIES

- 1607 Virginia settled by the English.
- 1614 New York settled by the Dutch.
- 1620 Massachusetts settled by the Puritans.
- 1623 New Hampshire settled by people from  
England.
- 1624 New Jersey settled by people from Nor-  
way.
- 1627 Delaware settled by people from Sweden  
and Finland.
- 1633 Connecticut settled by people from Mas-  
sachusetts.
- 1634 Maryland settled by people from England.
- 1636 Rhode Island settled by people from Mas-  
sachusetts.
- 1650 North Carolina settled by people from  
Virginia.
- 1670 South Carolina settled by people from  
England and France.
- 1682 Pennsylvania settled by Quakers from  
England.
- 1733 Georgia settled by people from England.

## WARS AND EVENTS

- 1637 Pequot War.
- 1675 King Philip's War.
- 1690 King William's War.
- 1702 Queen Anne's War.
- 1756 French and Indian War.
- 1765 Stamp Act.
- 1773 Tea thrown into Boston Harbor.
- 1775 Battle of Lexington, April 19th.
- 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17th.
- 1776 Declaration of Independence, 4th of July.
- 1776 Battle of Trenton, (Hessians defeated).
- 1777 Battle of Brandywine.
- 1777 Battle of Saratoga and surrender of Burgoyne.
- 1780 Battle of Camden.
- 1781 Battle of the Cowpens.
- 1781 Battle of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis.
- 1783 Peace declared, September 3rd.
- 1789 First Congress met in New York.
- 1789 Washington inaugurated President.
- 1799 Washington died, December 14th.
- 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

## WARS AND EVENTS—Continued

- 1807 Fulton ascended the Hudson in the first steamboat.
- 1812 War with England.
- 1812 GUERRIÈRE captured by the CONSTITUTION.
- 1812 MACEDONIAN captured by the UNITED STATES.
- 1812 PEACOCK captured by the HORNET.
- 1813 Perry's victory on Lake Erie.
- 1814 Peace signed in Ghent, December 24th.
- 1815 Battle of New Orleans, January 8th.
- 1819 First steamship, the SAVANNAH, crossed the Atlantic.
- 1835 Texas declared her independence of Mexico.
- 1846 Texas admitted into the Union and war with Mexico.
- 1846 Battle of Palo Alto.
- 1847 Battle of Buena Vista.
- 1847 Vera Cruz captured.
- 1847 Battle of Churubusco.
- 1847 City of Mexico taken, September 14th.
- 1848 Peace concluded.

## WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

- 1861 Confederacy proclaimed, February 4th.
- 1861 Bombardment of Fort Sumter, April 12th.
- 1861 Battle of Manassas, July 21st.
- 1862 Battle of Shiloh, April 6th.
- 1862 Capture of New Orleans by Farragut,  
April 28th.
- 1863 Chancellorsville, May 2nd.
- 1863 Gettysburg, July 1st.
- 1864 Battle of the Wilderness, May 5th.
- 1865 Lee's Army surrendered at Appomattox,  
April 9th.
- 1865 Lincoln assassinated, April 14th.
- 1881 Garfield shot.
- 1898 Spanish War, April 22nd.
- 1901 McKinley murdered, September 14th.

	Presidents	Term of Office	Vice-Presidents
1	George Washington.....	1789-1797.....	John Adams.
2	John Adams.....	1797-1801.....	Thomas Jefferson.
3	Thomas Jefferson.....	1801-1805.....	Aaron Burr.
	Thomas Jefferson.....	1805-1809.....	George Clinton.
4	James Madison.....	1809-1813.....	Elbridge Gerry,
	James Madison.....	1813-1817.....	who died in 1814.
5	James Monroe.....	1817-1825.....	Daniel D. Tompkins.
6	John Quincy Adams.....	1825-1829.....	John C. Calhoun.
7	Andrew Jackson.....	1829-1837.....	Martin Van Buren.
8	Martin Van Buren.....	1837-1841.....	Richard M. Johnson.
9	William Henry Harrison..	1841-Died.....	John Tyler.
10	John Tyler.....	1841-1845.....	.....
11	James Knox Polk.....	1845-1849.....	George M. Dallas.
12	Zachary Taylor.....	1849-Died.....	Millard Fillmore.
		July 5th.	
13	Millard Fillmore.....	1850-1853.....	.....
14	Franklin Pierce.....	1853-1857.....	William R. King.



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15	James Buchanan	1857-1861	John C. Breckenridge.
16	Abraham Lincoln	1861-1865	Hannibal Hamlin.
	Abraham Lincoln	1865-Died.	Andrew Johnson.
		April 14th.	
17	Andrew Johnson	1865-1869	
18	Ulysses S. Grant	1869-1873	Schuyler Colfax.
	Ulysses S. Grant	1873-1877	Henry Wilson.
19	Rutherford B. Hayes	1877-1881	William Wheeler.
20	James A. Garfield	1881-Died.	Chester A. Arthur.
21	Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885	
22	Grover Cleveland	1885-1889	Thomas J. Hendricks.
23	Benjamin Harrison	1889-1893	Levi P. Morton.
	Grover Cleveland	1893-1897	Adlai Stevenson.
24	William McKinley	1897-1901	Garret Hobart.
	William McKinley	1901-Died.	Theodore Roosevelt.
25	Theodore Roosevelt	1901-1905	
	Theodore Roosevelt	1905	Charles W. Fairbanks.













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